Frances Ann ‘Annie’ Bawden nee Rickard 1871 - 1968

Frances Ann Rickard was born in the Redruth registration district in 1871, the daughter of Thomas Rickard, a licensed victualler, and Mary Penrose.

Thomas Rickard died in 1875 at the age of 27, and Annie, as she was known, went with her mother to live with her mother’s brother Richard Penrose at Churchtown Illogan. Also living there were Ella and Lucretia Mabel Penrose, Richard’s daughters.

Later, by 1891, Annie was teaching and living at a small residential school in Churchtown, Illogan. The six pupils were five children of the family of Robert Evans, son of the owner of the Nance Estate, and Meta Penrose, daughter of Richard’s brother Harry. One of the Evans children was Winifred, born in 1883.

By 1901, Annie was a scholar at the Normal Training College, Cheltenham, which was founded in 1846 for the training of teachers, male and female, in national and parochial schools.

Also in 1901, Fred Bawden had returned from his adventure in London with Mabel Penrose, and married Winifred Evans, one of Annie’s old pupils. In 1903 Annie married Harry Bawden, Fred’s brother.

Annie lived at Coronation Avenue Camborne. Fred’s son Ronnie lived with her here for a time, possibly after his wife Alzira left him. Later, perhaps after the death of her husband in 1940, Annie moved to Paul and lived with her cousin Mabel. Ronnie visited her and other members of Mabel’s family in the area. Annie died in Redruth in 1968 at the age of 96.

Annie Bawden was Mabel Penrose's cousin, daughter of Richard Penrose's sister Mary, Ronnie Bawden’s aunt and Fred Bawden's sister-in-law, wife of his brother Harry. She was a cousin twice removed of Diz, Diana, John and Jane, but also a great aunt to Jane through her grandfather.